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Are You Ready for His Coming?

Introduction:

1. The admonition of the Master sets forth the practical side of the question of our Lord's return.
2. We believe he is coming again. When, we know not.
3. Much has been said and much speculation concerning when He shall return. Religious bodies have been founded upon these guesses.
4. Likewise much has been said concerning what He is to do when he comes again. "To set up His kingdom" "He will then reign" "Will be on David's throne" etc. Mt 19:28; Acts 7.
5. Bible teaches he shall come again, not to set up Kingdom on this earth, for the kingdom is now here, but he shall return to receive his own unto Himself and deliver them unto the Father. John 4:17 1 Cor 15:24 Gal 1:8; Mk 9:1
6. There is no such doctrine as a second chance.
7. Jesus states, "Be ye also ready"--Thus we conclude that it is possible to be ready by knowing what the Master taught
8. Our concern is: AM I READY? To you: ARE YOU READY?
9. WHO THEN WILL BE READY TO MEET HIM?

Also possible to NOT BE READY

BODY:

II. WHO WILL NOT BE READY:

1. Those who have not obeyed the gospel. WHO KNOW NOT GOD!
2 Thess 1:8. AND

Note the seriousness of a failure to obey the gospel. A rejection of the gospel means:

- (1) We reject God's power unto salvation--Rom 1:16
- (2) We reject God's righteousness--Rom 1:16, 17
- (3) We reject God's wisdom--1 Cor 1:23-25.
- (4) We reject ~~God's~~ Spirit--1 Pet 1:12.

2. The Hypocrite--Mt 24:48-51

Jesus warns against hypocrisy--Mt 6; ^{3, 5, 16} Giving, prayer, etc. Jesus rebukes the Scribes and Pharisees severely upon different occasions.

A hypocrite is one who is a play actor, professing to be what he is not. *His life is a sham!!*

3. The Backslider--Heb 10:38-39.

It is very dangerous to reach a backslidden state, and not return--2 Pet 2:20, 21; Luke 9:42

4. The Lukewarm--Rev 3:16-17.

The indifferent, lukewarm Christian says to the world: "Christianity does not appeal to my energies." "I just don't believe that it is worth much", etc. *they* do much more harm than even those who are nothing. The world sees us, and they say "There is a ~~believer~~ yet he can see he does not believe there is much in Christianity for him."

The Lukewarm nauseates the Master.

II. WHO WILL BE READY?

1. He that doeth the will of the Father--1 John 2:15-17.
Mt 7:21ff.

vs 10 "They that were ready."

2. Mt 25:1-13--The Five Wise virgins. cf. the five foolish
Made preparation

CONCLUSION:

1. Life is short, even though we live a long time as we count time.
2. Death is sure.
3. Make ready.
4. You will have no choice in meeting the Lord, for all must stand there.
5. But today we have the choice, we can respond, obey the gospel and prepare to meet Him when he comes.

How?

3. Nothing short of complete obedience will suffice.

One who does not willingly submit to the commands of Christ is not a fit subject for the Kingdom.

Q. 10:48-